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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

DETAILED ACTION

Prosecution History

The following history is provided to clarify the record.

On 28 January 2002, applicant filed the instant application. The application is a continuation of application 09/716848, filed 17 November 2000, which itself is a continuation in part of a number of additional applications.

On 25 March 2005, the Examiner issued an Election/Restriction Requirement.

On 29 September 2005, applicant cancelled claims 1-16, adding claims 17-37.

On 11 October 2005, applicant filed an amendment, again canceling claims 1-16, and adding claims 79-99.

On 22 December, 2005, in a telephone conversation, the Examiner and applicant's representative determined that the amendment of 11 October 2005 should have been filed for related application **09/059076**, also filed on 28 January 2002, also a continuation of application 09/716848, and also being examined by this Examiner.

In light of the telephone interview, Applicant's amendment of 29 September 2005 is entered. The Examiner acknowledges that applicant has cancelled claims 1-16 and added claims 17-37. Applicant's amendment of 11 October 2005 is not entered.

Response to Amendment

The reply filed on 11 October 2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the amendment of 11 October 2005 is not related to the claims of the instant application. See 37 CFR 1.111.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James H. Zurita whose telephone number is 571-272-6766. The examiner can normally be reached on 8a-5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wynn Coggins can be reached on 571-272-7159. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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